

July 26, 2006

Re: DE 06-079, 2006 Statewide Low Income Energy Assistance Program
Annual Budgets

To the Parties:

In order to identify the level of funds available for benefits for the Energy Assistance Program, in its Order No. 23,980 (May 30, 2002) the Commission directed the electric utilities, the Office of Energy and Planning, and the Community Action Agencies to submit their annual budgets for administrative costs no later than 60 days prior to the start of the program year, which is August 2, 2006.

Inasmuch as the Commission opened the instant proceeding on June 2, 2006 to consider possible changes to the EAP and any changes in program design may impact administrative costs, the Commission has determined to extend the time for submission of cost budgets until after it has rendered a decision on the program design.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director and Secretary